We Claim:

 A device for defining control system participants, comprising:

a control system configured to control a printing machine, said control system including a central computer and a plurality of participants, said participants interacting with said central computer in order to carry out processes;

a bus system including lines, said participants being connected to one another via said lines of said bus system;

said lines of said bus system and said participants having respective plugs connecting said lines to said participants; and

at least given ones said plugs of said lines of said bus system having reserved plug contacts, said reserved plug contacts being provided with at least one galvanic link.

- 2. The device according to claim 1, wherein said at least one galvanic link is connected to a given voltage potential.
- 3. The device according to claim 1, wherein said reserved plug contacts are free connections of a respective one of said

plugs, said at least one galvanic link is fitted to said free connections.

- 4. In combination with a printing machine including a control system with a central computer, a device for defining control system participants, comprising:
- a plurality of participants interacting with the central computer in order to carry out processes;
- a bus system including lines, said participants being connected to one another via said lines of said bus system;
- said lines of said bus system and said participants having respective plugs connecting said lines to said participants; and
- at least given ones said plugs of said lines of said bus system having reserved plug contacts, said reserved plug contacts being provided with at least one galvanic link.
- 5. The device according to claim 4, wherein said at least one galvanic link is connected to a given voltage potential.
- 6. The device according to claim 4, wherein said reserved plug contacts are free connections of a respective one of said

plugs, said at least one galvanic link is fitted to said free connections.